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Applicant: Benzer et al. Art Unit: 1616
Serial No.: 09/895,141 Examiner Hartley
Filed: June 29, 2001
Title: LIFE EXTENSION OF DROSOPHILA BY A DRUG TREATMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction dated January 21, 2003, Applicant elects Group I, consisting of Claims 1-11, drawn to a method of extending the life span of a subject comprising administering an inhibitor of histone deacetylase (e.g., butyric acid), classified in class 514, subclass 557, with traverse.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on May 19, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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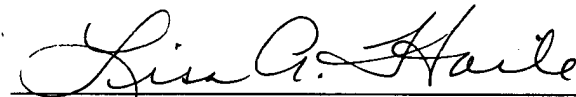
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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if there are any questions relating to this application.

A check in the amount of \$465.00 is enclosed to cover the Three Month Extension of Time fee. If any additional fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Acct. No. 50-1355.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 19, 2003



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